

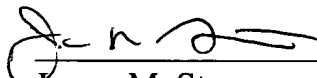
REMARKS

The Official Communication dated July 10, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in response thereto. The Decision on Appeal dated April 28, 2006 affirmed the prior rejections of claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 10, 30, 31, 35, 36, 40, and 41; and reversed the prior rejections of claims 3, 7, 8, 11-27, 29, 32, 33, 34, and 37-39.

The foregoing amendment requests the cancellation of claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 10, 30, 31, 35, 36, 40, and 41. Claim 28 has previously been cancelled. Formerly dependent claims 3, 7, 8, 32, and 34 are presented in independent form. The remaining claims are believed to be in condition for allowance in their current form.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application, including claims 3, 7, 8, 11-27, 29, 32, 33, 34, and 37-39, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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